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### **Re: Open records Request**

Dear Matthew,

This is our response to your three open records requests, received by the Secretary of State on March 4, 2019, for:

#### Request 1:

***Please provide the records that reflect any such job offer [to be a White House adviser or a senior official at the Department of Homeland Security] and any response form Kobach. If Kobach was not offered a position with the DHS, the records reflecting that Kobach was not offered such a position would also suffice.***

Response: We searched all e-mails and files. There is no responsive recorded information maintained or in the possession of the Secretary of State or its employees. Former secretary Kobach's potential employment is not a function, activity, program or operation funded by state government so any contact former secretary Kobach may have had was not done pursuant to his or the office's official duties.

#### Request 2:

***Any and all SMS messages (aka, "text messages") between Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach (cell phone number 913-638-5567) and Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill (cell phone number 334-328-2787) that were sent or received from June 27, 2017, to July 30, 2017, inclusive, referring or relating to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity and/or Alabama voter data.***

Response: There are no responsive SMS Messages maintained or in the possession of the Secretary of State or its employees. The cell phone number provided is a personal number, not an official number. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity is not a function, activity, program or operation funded by state government. Any work or communications former secretary Kobach may have had concerning the Commission was not done pursuant to his or the office's official duties.

Request 3:

***The e-mail messages between [Wilbur] Ross from and Kris Kobach between 1/20/17 and the date this request is processed.***

Response: We searched all recorded e-mails. There are no e-mails between former secretary Kobach and Wilbur Ross maintained or in the possession of the Secretary of State or its employees.

Thank You for Your Interest

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Barker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clay" and last name "Barker" clearly distinguishable.

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